



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

May 13, 2010

Fire Company #4

84 Fifth Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Seiler, Stoddard & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre-Excused

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused

Deputy Chief Frank Papa

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis

Captain Jeff Fago

Brent Mc Dougal

Fmr. Comm. John Gubbins

III. Public Participation

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins inquired about the expected completion and arrival of new Engine#4. Captain Joe Valvo felt it would be around mid 2011. He stated that it currently in the specifications stage.

IV. Communications

Communications were accepted as read.

V. Ledger Status

The Commissioner's reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported it on track for the year to date.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Grant has been denied.

The Massapequa Weekend plans are moving ahead. Fmr. Commissioner Kevin Ziegler has gotten a price of \$ 3,300 from Dattco. The bus will leave at 3:30pm on Friday, September 24th and return to Newington on Sunday, September 26th 6:00pm. The bus has a capacity of 55 people with approximately 25-30 committed at this time. This celebration is in conjunction with Nassau County Which includes a huge parade and muster with many other events during the whole weekend.

The decision was made to purchase a leather bucket as a presentation. The graphics for the bucket are being worked on at this time. Twenty five rooms are being held for Newington.

The Veteran's Golf Tournament will be held on June 11th. This is always a very popular event.

The Captain's Project is currently in negotiations and is progressing slowly and Manchester has signed on. Paul Boutot from IT has met with Tiburon.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Memorial Day Parade and Breakfast will be held again this year with Deputy Chief Gill doing the cooking. Father Dennis won't be with us due to the fact that he will have had his shoulder surgery. We will have the ceremony out front and then we will move on to the cemetery.

Commissioner Bogacz made the motion to establish a committee to review the Rules and Regulations for typing errors and also the promotional process. Captain Bob Regina from Personnel will join the Board and other committee members to be appointed. Discussion followed concerning who should serve on the committee.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deputy Chief Papa informed the group that arrangements have been made to purchase a compressor from the Burlington Fire Department. This will go to Company #2.

Deputy Chief Papa spoke on the phenomenal coming together by the members of Company #2 during the recent tragic loss of Kyle Centini. Kyle is the brother of Captain Jeff Trommer's wife Crystal. The massive effort put together by the entire company and cadet members to feed, offer comfort, and serve the family was amazing. The family was extremely grateful for the love and support.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONT:

Commissioner Stoddard commented on the large crowd at the wake and the support shown by the department.

Chief Schroeder spoke on the large crowd at TGIF Friday's tonight for Tip-A-Firefighter. He was very pleased with the attendance at Awards Night along with the delicious meal and many deserving firefighters recognized for the efforts during the past year. He felt that everything is coming together extremely well.

Commissioner Stoddard reflected on rather than coming together there seems to be a synergy that the department is building on and it's working.

Commissioner Bogacz spoke on the success of the Company#3 Pasta Night where the Newington High School cafeteria was full with the support of the townspeople. Terrific event and hard work from the company and a money maker for Co.#3. Great press coverage.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

The Commissioners made motion to go into Executive Session.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was concluded at 8:30pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

